

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Please insert the following paragraph on page 1 after the title of the invention and before the "Technical Field":*

### --RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a national phase of PCT/JP2004/009635 filed on July 7, 2004, which claims priority from Japanese Application No. 2003-274844 which was filed on July 15, 2003, the disclosures of which Applications are incorporated by reference herein. The benefit of the filing and priority dates of the International and Japanese Applications is respectfully requested.--

*The following "Background art" paragraph will replace all prior versions of itself in the specification of the application.*

1) On page 1, please amend the following paragraph as follows:

#### Background art

The following patent documents 1 and 2 show conventional internal gear pumps.

Patent document 1: JP utility model publication 6-39109

Patent document 2: ~~JP patent publication 11-811935A~~ US Patent No. 6,244,843 B1

The internal gear pump disclosed in Patent document 1 includes trochoidal internal gear rotors generated based on the diameter A of a base circle, the diameter B of a rolling circle, the diameter C of a locus circle and eccentricity e.

The internal gear pump disclosed in Patent document 2 comprises an inner rotor including epicycloidal tooth tops and hypocycloidal tooth spaces, and an outer rotor including hypocycloidal tooth tops and epicycloidal tooth spaces.